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## Domestic Violence Task Force hosts public forum

By CHLOE CREAGER  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force hosted a public forum on domestic abuse Thursday evening, bringing attention to domestic violence awareness month. Presentations were given by panelists representing the Riley County Police Department, Office of the Riley County Attorney, Sunflower Bridge Child Exchange and Visitation Center, Pawnee Mental Health Services' Batterer Intervention Program, Fort Riley Family Advocacy Program and Crisis Center, all involved in various facets of domestic violence issues.

According to Judy Davis, executive director of The Crisis Center, Inc., the discussion was the first hosted by the task force, and they were pleased by the turnout. The Center, Inc. aids victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie and Riley counties.

"I was very tickled (by the turnout)," Davis said. "...I'm really happy that a lot of students were here. It's your work, (students will be the ones) to fix everything."

Attendees ranged from college students to other members of the community.

Rhett Brown, freshman in general business, attended the forum as part of her women's studies class, taught by Angela



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Judy Davis, executive director of The Crisis Center Inc., talks about funding and the budget at the domestic violence open forum at the Manhattan Public Library on Thursday night. The discussion also covered how a domestic violence case is handled by the police and included a Q&A session.

Hubler, associate professor of women's studies.

"I believe it was very informative, and it gave a lot of good information and helpful information," Brown said.

The task force began with an overview from each panelist about the roles they play within a domestic abuse case, from the legal aspects of the process to how they coordinate and supervise family visits between offenders and victims with children.

After the panelists finished speaking, the floor was opened to the public for questions and comments. Topics discussed included funding difficulties, financial losses for domestic abuse aid programs, causes of domestic abuse, the disparity of the ratio between male and female victims, and how domestic abuse and child abuse rates compared to each other.

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, nearly 80 percent

of states have reported their domestic abuse programs experiencing funding cuts, and approximately 90 percent of states reported decreases in private donations from 2011 to 2012. Despite this, 88 percent of coalitions reported an increase in demand from domestic violence programs.

According to the NNEDV, as a result of the cuts in fund-

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"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"

## Student Governing Association hears updates, allots funding

By BRIDGET BERAN  
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Senators will be encouraging student voters by offering a shuttle from the K-State Student Union to five different polling places throughout the Manhattan area. The free-to-students shuttle service will be provided Nov. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We specifically selected these five polling places that were most likely to benefit and serve students," Senator Asher Gilliland, junior in finance, said. "We're going to have a booth at the K-State Student Union with a map of where the voting places are. We'll have two volunteers to help people figure out which one they need to go to and a third volunteer to walk voters from the booth to the shuttle."

K-State Athletic Director John Currie addressed senators regarding the athletic department's recent decision to disband the equestrian team in favor of a women's soccer team. Currie said the NCAA made the decision following equestrian's inability to gain popularity at 40 schools, the amount necessary to become a full-time NCAA sport. Currie said only 14 schools, including K-State, are currently competing at the highest level in equestrian.

"Unfortunately by 2012, equestrian just hadn't grown nationally," Currie said. "It had only grown to about 23 programs sponsoring the sport."

Currie said equestrian would not be recruiting new members to the team for the next year and a half that it is still active. The department is looking into options for the future of women's soccer but has not made any plans thus far.

Student body President Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, addressed the senate about the Open Textbook Initiative that encourages professors with freshmen and sophomore level courses to offer the necessary material for the course online or at a reduced rate. Professors will be allotted a grant or some type of funding reimbursement to help encourage the program. The initiative aims to help make the first two years of college more affordable for students.

Commendations were given to K-State Libraries Ambassadors for the work they have done throughout the first year of the program. The ambassadors program was established in the fall of 2013 to help represent K-State Libraries at various events throughout the year.

Senators voted to allocate \$400 to the International Buddies program for its American Halloween Experience event, which will take place at the International Student Center on the evening of Oct. 31. The event will serve as an opportunity for international student to learn about and experience Halloween.

Funding was also approved for Blue Key Senior Honorary to travel to its national conference in Athens, Georgia, Jan. 15-18.

## K-State women find their voice in campus politics

By BRIDGET BERAN  
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In the state of Kansas, women only make up 23 percent of the House of Representatives and 32 percent of the Senate. While they make up almost 50 percent of the population, they're underrepresented in Kansas' government. On K-State's campus, women make up approximately one-third of the 60 student senators in the Student Governing Association.

"In Kansas and in the United States, I feel like women continue to be discounted, not explicitly because of their gender, but because of the different opportunities that they're afforded and the different ways that we perceive women in leadership roles," Hope Faflick, senior in political science, said.

As one of the leaders of the nicknamed "Lean In Row," a group of female senators who occupy

the front row in the Big 12 Room each Thursday night in Senate, Faflick said that while she's always felt like an equal in Student Governing Association, more than once, she's been the only female in the room.

"I think we need to encourage students to really engage with SGA," Faflick said. "Especially with female students, they need to know they're welcome and to make sure that they know their voice counts just as much. We need their voice and their seat at the table to make a better decision. Until we get people in the room, our decisions won't be truly reflective of the campus."

Sarah Haley, senior in psychology and senator, said while she had great mentors in former Speakers of the Senate Natalie Roth and Emily Taylor, she cites the top position—president—as the key position for women.

"When we talk about a woman being president, people say 'well it's not the

right time,'" Haley said. "But when will be the right time is my question. I think we need to stop making excuses on that part. I think women are ready and I think it's time for us to accept that."

Even within the Student Governing Association, there is yet to be a female president. While women, like Haley who chairs the Governmental Relations Committee, have served as chairs of committees, speaker of the Senate and even occasionally student body vice president, having a woman's name on the top half of the ballot has yet to be successful at K-State. Haley said it's best to always find the right person for the position, but she questions if women are being motivated to even try for higher up positions.

"Maybe it's because females haven't wanted that role and want a different role in SGA," Logan Britton, senior in agricultural economics and senator for the College of Agriculture,

said. "But I feel very confident that there are a lot of ladies that could definitely fill that roll in the next couple of years. I believe that in the next few years we will see a female student body president."

Female personalities and the perception of female politicians can also be a hindrance for girls looking to pursue a position in Student Governing Association or a career in politics. Faflick said she faced the issue where females personalities were seen as aggressive, rather than assertive.

For Mollie Hart, junior in management, through her last year in Student Governing Association, she said she personally didn't have a negative experience reflective of her gender. However, early in her career, her get-things-done attitude surprised her fellow committee members and it took time for them to adjust and know that her personality was beneficial in the long-term.

"I think it's a lot more difficult for a woman to

stand her ground without getting a lot of backlash," Faflick said. "Whereas, when a man sticks to his guns, he's applauded for being headstrong and a leader and not compromising. But when a woman does it, she's stubborn and unyielding and demonized."

Haley said she's seen the impact of that backlash, across the board for men and women alike.

"You can lose your voice if you speak too much, but why is that?" Haley said. "At least you care and you're involved."

Both Haley and Hart believe that women can bring a different perspective to the discussion, seeing manners in a different light than men. While Haley stated that sometimes it can be hard for women to get their voice through, the women of K-State are not surrendering their voice any time soon.

"Women are here, they're making a change and they're doing things for the better," Haley said.

### INSIDE



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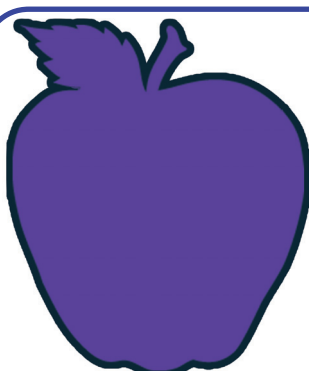
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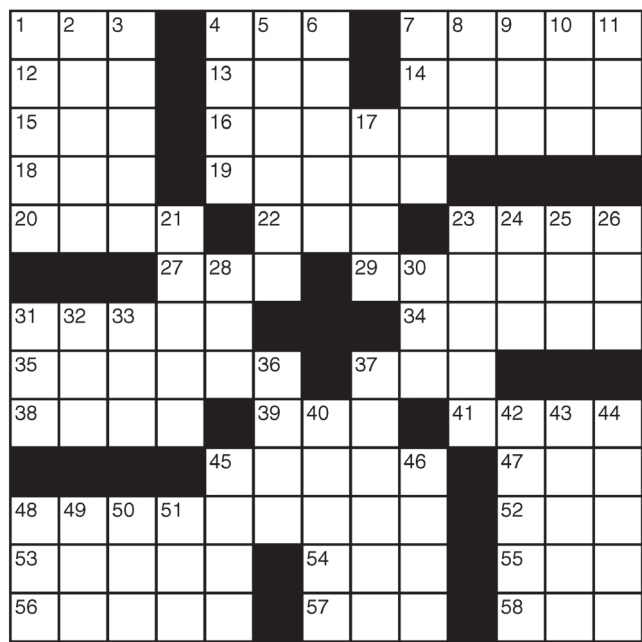
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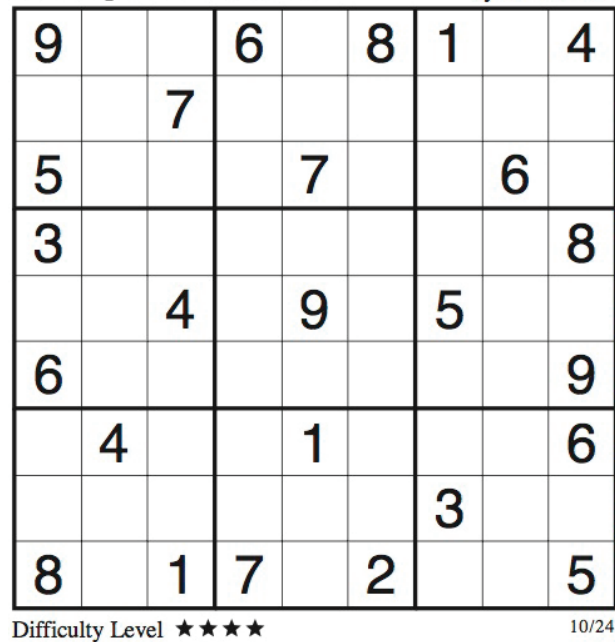
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# Agricultural facilities attract students

By TAYLOR ISLEY  
THE COLLEGIAN

As the population of animal sciences and industry students without an agriculture background grows rapidly at K-State, the university's agricultural faculty and facilities become even more important. These points can be stressed in recruitment of exceptional new students.

The majority of people don't live on farms, there are more students that have never had any agriculture or livestock experience than in earlier years.

"The animal sciences (and industry) professors and advisers both care about each individual student's success and are very knowledgeable both in the industry and in an academia setting," said Scott Schaake, adviser and associate professor in animal sciences and industry.

"We are naïve to how valuable our faculty are here until we go somewhere else," Schaake said.

The K-State faculty are directly connected to the industry, are practical and technological, get asked to judge livestock shows and many even have their own livestock, according to Schaake.

"The Department of Animal Sciences attracts more than 30 percent of its students from out-of-state," said Dave Nichols, professor in animal science and industry.

Stephanie Martin, junior in animal sciences and industry with a pre-vet option, said she applied to K-State because it is the No. 1 pre-

vet school in the nation and chose it above other schools because, "everyone was so nice and talked to me about my academics. I felt at home here."

Proximity to livestock units, facilities where the K-State livestock are raised and research is done, is a huge benefit to K-State students and faculty. There are 10 units and they are located within a mile of campus which makes utilizing them very easy and safe. Students are able to travel to the unit, learn and still be back within the 50 minute block, according to Kenneth G. Odde, department head of animal science and industry.

"Units are far less useful for teaching purposes if they are farther away," Odde said.

These units are both research and teaching units. They can be used to reinforce concepts taught in the classroom and are also widely used by faculty as they perform their research said Schaake.

Odde said K-State is very lucky to have Weber Arena on campus attached to Weber Hall.

Nichols said the arena is invaluable in the fact that livestock can be brought to campus. Students don't even have to get in a vehicle, they just have to walk across the building.

According to Odde, this approach is utilized a lot in freshman classes and works well because many will not have a vehicle with them the first year. This is safer, more time-efficient and still gives students experiential knowledge.

"I believe bringing livestock to campus is beneficial because some of the people in class don't



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The Large Animal Research Center, on north Denison Avenue, Weber Hall and the livestock units that are in close proximity to campus and are big selling points for prospective students.

have any livestock background so it helps them to learn more and allows all of the students to see how the livestock industry really works," Karley Stockton, freshman in animal sciences and industry, said. "I also feel like a real life example will always grab my attention more than a lecture."

The units also employ university students, Odde said there are approximately 170 students with a \$1 million payroll annually working for K-State at the agricultural facilities, most of which work at livestock units. This is an excellent

way for students to get hands-on experience while still in school, according to Odde.

Odde said these facilities not only benefit K-State students, but also the Manhattan community. The units employ many local residents, while using supplies provided by local businesses. Local repair shops, and farm and ranch supply stores to help keep the units running. There are also events like the K-State rodeo that are held each year in Weber arena.

K-State also processes meat and dairy products itself. All Call

Hall dairy products are made from what the dairy unit produces and are processed in Call Hall according to the K-State facilities website. There is also a meat lab in Weber Hall with meat sales held every Friday.

Stockton said that in ASI 105 lab, students got to see market hogs live one week and in the cooler the next week, as well as market steers live one week and hanging in the cooler the next.

"K-State has a long history of commitment to undergrads," Schaake said.

## Local talking points

By KELSEY KENDALL  
THE COLLEGIAN

### K-State Mortar Board hosts Reading is Power event for kids

"Reading is Power," a free event hosted by the K-State Mortar Board Senior Honorary, will be held on Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at the Leadership Studies Building, according to the Little Apple Post. Children of all ages are welcome to read with K-State athletes and Willie the Wildcat and participate in several super-hero themed

crafts and other activities such as making a lava lamp, creating a detective case file and going on a scavenger hunt, all through different superhero themed rooms. Children are invited to dress up as a superhero for the event.

"The goal of the 'Reading is Power' event is to show kids that reading can be fun and that reading is a power not everyone is fortunate enough to possess," said Beth Reichenberger, senior in political science, geology and international studies, and director of National Service Initiatives in Mortar Board.

### FBI seizes fake World Series tickets, counterfeit Royals merchandise

According to Associated Press, FBI in Kansas City, Missouri have seized fake World Series tickets and counterfeit Royals merchandise such as T-shirts, pants, baseball caps and baby clothes. The FBI confiscated 126 phony tickets, a street value of approximately \$43,000. Four people, three from New York and one from Atlanta, Georgia, have been arrested and charged with selling counterfeit tickets. Another person is facing charges for selling counterfeit T-shirts in Platte County, Missouri. Authorities encourage those who bought

the fake tickets to report it to the police.

### Matching gift goes to College of Business Administration

Paul and Sandra Edgerley, members of the K-State Foundation's President's Club, have made an matching gift challenge of \$5 million, according to K-State Today. For every donation made, the Edgerley's will match donation 50 percent. Already, Julie and Roger Davis of Chicago, members of the Foundation's President's Club and several other K-State alumni organizations, have donated \$500,000, making the Edgerley donation come to \$250,000.

The donations go towards

the College of Business Administration's new Career Counseling and Skills Development program. Ali Malekzadeh, dean of the College of Business Administration, said in an email that these funds will be used to hire coaches for this program for which he is optimistic.

"The idea is to make sure we have one of the best career programs for our students in the United States," Malekzadeh said via email.

### Sales students use new software for training purposes

The College of Business Administration has recently received a new software, Interact Software from Cenergy-

IT, that helps sales students to gain an edge over competition in their career. The software records their mock sales calls for future employers and recruiters to view and for students to reflect on for future reference.

"A video of a student's selling skills is more powerful than any resume," Dawn Deeter, director of the National Strategic Selling Institute within the College of Business Administration, said via email.

According to K-State Today, the software was provided by Pat and Larry Kendall, both K-State alumni. They also provided funding for students to attend sales competitions.

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Running back Daniel Thomas (20) and defensive end Brandon Harold (41) carry flags as they lead the team out of the tunnel before K-State's game against Central Florida. The Wildcats will be back in action tonight when they take on in-state rival Kansas at Lawrence.

Wildcats look to regroup in Sunflower Showdown

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Gamergate sexism, offenses destroys online communities



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In 2013, Zoe Quinn developed a text-based adventure game called “Depression Quest.” I’ve played it. As you can imagine, it’s not the most fun game. But it did what it set out to do in a way that was easy to play at all levels of ability, and it did its part in trying to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Quinn’s ex-boyfriend Eron Gjoni then wrote a blog post. A huge one, detailing sexual acts Quinn allegedly performed with reviewer Nathan Grayson to gain favorable reviews of “Depression Quest.” The allegations were debunked by Stephen Totilo, editor at Kotaku where the review was said to be posted. No such review ever existed. The post and following ordeal gained a label: Gamergate.

It’s tempting to say boys will be boys, exes will be exes or professional rivals will be professional rivals. Anonymous message boards, 4chan and its all-virgin counterpart Wizardchan, are famous for doing stupid doxxing campaigns, where they dig up all sorts of personal information on a person and post it publicly online. Usually, nothing happens. But to Quinn, things did. Someone posted the date of her “death (we hope)” on her Wikipedia page. They called her parents and screamed obscenities at them. Even a friend that merely supported her had social

security numbers and bank statements posted online.

Quinn is a point of high activity in the movement, not the entire issue.

Anita Sarkeesian hosts the popular YouTube channel Feminist Frequency that includes the series “Tropes Vs. Women in Video Games.” Someone made a game with her image where players can attack her until she bleeds. Designer at Giant Spacekat Games Brianna Wu received threats of rape and murder on Twitter, after which she evacuated her home. Even commenters on the feminist news site

lot to the gaming industry, proven by the \$101 billion it is expected to make in 2014. This radical sect of men feel like they have to personally take out any threat to their traditionally hypermasculine culture. That’s when it gets scary. 25 percent of college-aged women have reported being sexually harassed online, 23 percent have been threatened with physical harm, and 18 percent report sustained harassment, according to an October Time magazine article.

As much concern as I had for those female developers, they live in New York and Los Angeles. I live in Kansas. I’m supposed to feel safe here in Middle America. This is the place where my friends from middle school took me on my

woman who played games in person, you wouldn’t call her a whore and threaten her. In person, she’s a person; on the Internet, she is an object to be hated.

Since the world is only getting more Internet-centric, the line could become blurred very easily. Even if only a small number of men are actually Gamergaters, it only takes one person doing something drastic to harm anyone in the country. No place with an Internet connection is entirely safe for women. We can never truly know what effects this could have on the contributions women can bring to

Even writing this article makes me a little nervous. I said some pretty heavy stuff up there. As a journalist, a lot of my writing and personal information is easy to find because I allow sources to be able to contact me about my work. If someone doesn’t like this, I could wake up the next day to my personal information all over the Internet. Will it be my alleged sexual history, like Quinn? How about my personal address, like Wu? Will people threaten to rape and murder me? Will they text my boyfriend and tell him they slept with me; will they leave voicemails at my house describing their desire to kill me for my sisters to hear?

We are an Internet culture. This is larger than a few bad names and scary pictures. These offenses, though unlikely to those of us with smaller Internet presences, set a precedent that leaves a lingering threat over all of us – don’t get too prolific, don’t be too controversial. Men do not understand the culture of fear these attacks set up, especially for women. Gamergate and similar movements destroys the online community that games and other productions try to build.

This is growth and expansion of something we love. Women don’t want to own the whole Internet, just be a part of it. We don’t want men to leave, we want to work and play with them.

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Jezebel were bombarded by rape GIFs, a type of image format, in the comment sections of articles.

These women had the audacity to exist on the Internet. And because they are women, it is easy to devalue their contributions. People of all genders contribute a

first “World of Warcraft” raid. It’s where I get recommendations for new games from other people – women included – in the hallways after my classes. I have watched the sunrise come up over the plains as we struggled to take down just one more boss.

What people don’t realize is that a movement not based in a physical place, like these Internet flame wars, erases the boundaries that would prevent harassment like time and proximity. If you met a

the table. Any number of games, videos, commentaries, blogs, art pieces or photographs could have been lost to the world because a female creator was afraid to post them. It’s hard for women to open up to the larger online population for fear of this particular brand of persecution.

Social media is valid source of news, but not end all



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In today’s society, it is possible to hear about late-breaking news without having to rely on newspapers and news channels such as CNN, Fox and NBC. Social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr have become outlets for late-breaking news.

Newspapers and news channels generally report the information that they have from a non-biased viewpoint. However, social media provides the bystander’s viewpoint, something not usually expressed in traditional news.

With events such as natural disasters and the protests in Ferguson, newspapers and news channels do not always cover all aspects of the story. As a St. Louis native, I used Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook to stay updated on the Ferguson protest. Though I also read newspapers and watched news channels, social media outlets informed me about what was going on from my friends’ and family’s perspective. I knew people who were either par-

ticipating in the protest or had seen it firsthand. Their post on social media included several details that newspapers and news channels did not include, and allowed me to interact with K-State students from St. Louis.

“It seemed like the newspapers and the news channels tried to take focus off of the actual issue and only portrayed negative behavior,” said Dominic White, junior in architecture. “It really disturbed me, because there are people from my hometown of St. Louis fighting for a positive cause and they are wrongfully being portrayed negatively.”

With social media, you can follow or friend people and groups that you like and interact with them. The interaction gets questions answered that the news outlets did not cover. Social media also allows you to talk about things that news outlets have not talked about or will not address. Plus, you can talk about news events with your loved ones, especially if that news event directly affected them.

People rely on social media for informal updates and staying connected to loved ones. Communication is very important for people in affected areas and for families and friends waiting for news. For example, Facebook is working on a new app called Safety Check. This app lets people know their loved ones are safe by checking on others in the selected area, and mark your

friends as safe.

News channels and newspapers can’t tell you if your loved ones are okay. However, social media can provide you with the security to make sure that your loved ones are fine.

With social media, users can post a link and others can repost or retweet that link. The links on these social media networks can be posted on any day at any given time. However, newspapers only come out once a day and even the 24-hour news cycle can’t compete with the Internet’s speed.

“I prefer to get the news from Facebook,” said Erika Davis, program administrative assistant for Union Program Council. “News channels make news sound so depressing. I prefer Facebook because it is more convenient and quicker. I don’t have to wait until 6 o’clock to watch the news.”

With social media, news stories and details can get out faster. In addition, you do not have to watch an entire news program when you want to see one segment. On platforms like YouTube and Vimeo, you can view the exact clip that you want to see. They also tend to have more attractive headlines and there is less to read.

It seems that people in today’s generation care more about the news when it is reported by less formal sources. I look at stories on Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr and then check credible news sources to make sure the story is true. Social media (like Buzzfeed)

breaks the news first, and TV and newspapers confirm news.

I absolutely love Buzzfeed and find it entertaining, but I know that I cannot use it as a credible source.

“Buzzfeed is community generated and can be created by anyone. It has rich headlines, awesome gifs, but poor content,” said Jeremy Cline, junior in entrepreneurship.

Overall, I believe social media is very beneficial to news reporting. These platforms provide fast, frequent news stories and news stories update. Social media also provides a plethora of opinions and facts about anything and everything that you would want to discuss and you could think about.

Last but not least, social media showcases the bystander viewpoint and allows the general public to give their full side of a story. Newspapers and news channels are reliable, but social media is more appealing and provides information at a faster and more appealing rate.

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Letter to the Editor

Response to Tom C. Walker's letter, 10/21/14:

Dear Tom C. Walker,  
On behalf of all military members and their families, past, present and future, including myself; my father, a Vietnam veteran; and my husband, a veteran of both Gulf wars: you’re welcome for the freedom provided by these men and women to be able to share your opinion.  
You may not agree with the reasons they had to put themselves in harm’s way for your sake, but don’t ever forget that without their sacrifice and service, you could very well be living in a country where you’d be imprisoned – or worse – for even having that opinion.

Oorah and Hooah!  
**Lori Baker**  
*School of Music, Theater and Dance*

Letter to the Editor

On Oct. 20 the Collegian published a letter to the editor from Mr. Tom C. Walker. Within, Walker expressed disapproval of K-State’s involvement in the 50th commemoration of the Vietnam War. He questioned whether or not Vietnam veterans should be “thanked and honored for killing millions of Vietnamese while laying waste to their country in a crusade to exterminate communism...”

Walker blamed U.S. soldiers for the overwhelming destruction brought to the region and its people. This concept isn’t wrong, but his perspective is.

War is devastating to everyone, especially so to the hundreds of thousands of young Americans forced to put their lives on hold indefinitely when their Uncle Sam called. “He” was the one giving orders: kill or be killed. Those soldiers did what they were told in hopes of seeing the next day alive. Could you muster that much courage?

Walker also claimed the conflict “had no bearing on the security of our country.” This carefully worded statement is easy to accept when one lacks sufficient historical understanding.

Presumably, Walker’s misinterpretation derives from the common misconception that the U.S.

wouldn’t be impacted by the spread of communism. Communism in itself was never the threat. It was designed in hopes of creating a utopia. However, Joseph Stalin adopted and perverted communism to oppress, enslave and murder at his pleasure. Tens of millions were killed. Stalin created a blueprint for complete Totalitarian rule and others were bound to follow suit, e.g., China.

The Vietnam War was actually an attempt to limit the Soviet Union and China’s influence within resource-supplying nations. If we had ignored the domino effect those countries would have fallen under a Stalin-like model of communism almost overnight, the U.S.S.R. and China could have overwhelmed U.S. manufacturing efforts, specifically in the military sector. More direct efforts to limit those imports could have weakened their economies. They’d be more likely to come begging at our table if they were starving at theirs.

Yes, Mr. Walker, we should thank the Vietnam veterans. They fought through Hell and back, day after day, for a cause you obviously don’t understand.

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# Alumni Association provides school spirit benefits

By KELSEY KRAMER  
THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Alumni Center sits on the edge of campus and is known for holding meetings, luncheons and large events. But the real question is: what does it do for the students of Kansas State University?

Amanda Lee, assistant director of student programs, said the center loves having students walking through the building and encourages anyone to stop by anytime to check out the building or the Wildcat memorabilia room. They also have small conference rooms available for students to use for studying or meetings free of charge.

"If you rub the bronze statue of the Wildcat's nose, located on the Terrace, legend says that you're guaranteed an 'A' on an exam and that we'll beat KU," Lee said.

The K-State Alumni Association has many organizations for students like Wildcats Forever, K-State Student Ambassadors, Student Alumni Board and Student Homecoming Committee.

Wildcats Forever is the Student Alumni Association and is currently 1,400 members strong this year making it one of the largest student organizations on campus.

"For only \$20, members receive a membership T-shirt, a collectible glass and a membership card with discounts to many favorite places in town. Some of the discounts include Call Hall Dairy Bar, Acme Gift, Colbert Hills and much more," Lee said.

Wildcats Forever also included events, contests and giveaways. Scholarships, study snacks during finals week, pizza, and K-State apparel are just a few of the prizes students can attain from the organization. Big XII Fridays are one way to get these prizes by simply wearing the Wildcats Forever membership T-shirt on campus and stopping by one of their booths. K-State travel coffee mugs were given away on their last Big XII Friday.

"I was part of Wildcats Forever all four years of college and still use a lot of the things today. I wear the t-shirts all the time, use the cups and coffee mugs almost every day and have some of the rally signs hanging up in my room," Sarah Macke, 2014 alumna, said.

The connection with K-State doesn't have to end at graduation, the Alumni Association has an affordable membership program to still be part of the K-State family.

"We are number one in the Big XII for the percentage of graduates who are members for 18 consecutive years," Megan Jurgensmeier, associate director



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

The Alumni Center is not just for alumni, it also offers small conference rooms for students to use free of charge, and houses the Alumni Association, which sponsors student organizations such as Wildcats Forever.

of membership of the Alumni Association, said.

Each student receives a free one-year membership to the Alumni Association as a graduation gift from their specific college. Aside from being part of the best alumni association in the Big XII, members receive the quarterly "K-Stater" magazine, a wall calendar, a discount at Col-

bert Hills, insurance discounts, special prices on K-State football tickets, retail benefits at your favorite stores and much more.

"I haven't used any of the discounts yet, but I do enjoy reading the K-Stater to keep up on what is happening at K-State and to keep up on any events going on with the university," Macke said. "I also proudly hang

my calendar up in the office just to irritate my coworkers who are avid KU fans."

The Alumni Association is hosting a Grad Breakfast on Dec. 11 for December graduates, and they have Grad Bash in late spring as well. Both have giveaways for students and have more information available about the K-State Alumni Association.

## African-American, international student perspectives on being in the minority

By ARIEL CROCKETT  
THE COLLEGIAN

Have you ever walked into a room and realized you were the only person of a particular race there? Many students at K-State deal with these uncomfortable situations every day when it comes to the lack of minorities in their classes.

In times like these, where you are the "odd ball out" you usually have two choices — either stand up and stand out or shy away in intimidation. When people enter a room, they look for anyone or anything to connect with and, of-

ten times, race is the glue that binds people together.

"In one of my classes, I'm the only African-American student in there," said Kiara Hughes, sophomore in business marketing. "You definitely notice mostly at first because not only am I the only African-American student but I'm the only minority in the class."

For Hughes, being the only minority in her class pushes her to work harder than students of the majority to avoid falling into a stereotype.

"Since you already stand out, you want to stand out in a good light," Hughes said.

Although the lack of Afri-

can-American students drives Hughes to work harder, she said it still feels different being one of the only students in her class without anyone in her race to connect with.

Being the only race in a

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KIARA HUGHES  
SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS MARKETING

can sometimes makes students feel as though they get unwanted attention, because being the only student of color in an entire class-

room automatically makes you stand out.

"When you first get into a class and realize you're the only one in there, you shy away from participation," Hughes said. "You're kind of

dents said they believe there is a subconscious segregation between American and international students, making transferring to a new country just a little more difficult.

"One thing is my (American) classmates, don't really interact with us (Asian students) that often," Xinyi Wu, graduate student in accounting, said.

Wu often notices that when there is a group of Asian students and a group of American students in class, the two rarely converse. She said if Americans conversed more with international students, it would make them feel a little less uncomfortable.

"Sometimes the profes-

sors will include different group assignments to help mix it up," Wu said.

Deonte Chisloman, freshman in business marketing, said although it's a different feeling than what white students feel, it doesn't intimidate him or affect his performance in the class.

"It makes me participate more, because I don't want them to feel like, 'Oh, there's a Black kid in our class and he's all quiet,'" Chisloman said. "I want the effect to be the opposite."

For Chunxue Jin, junior in open option, being the

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# K-State tennis travels to Drake Jamboree

By STEPHEN BRUNSON  
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After a month off of competition, head coach Danielle Steinberg will travel with the group that consists of senior Amina St. Hill, sophomores Iva Bago, Livia Cirnu, Maria Panaite and Riley Nizzi and freshman Laura Hopton.

Hopton carries the longest active winning streak for the Wildcats this year. She is currently on a three-game winning streak that she recorded at the end of last month in Norman, Oklahoma at the OU Invitational.

The tournament will take place at the Knapp Tennis Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

"I expect the first match to be a little shaky and for them to have a little bit of nerves," Steinberg said of the six girls attending the tournament. "I also expect them to be very excited and have a lot

of energy."

In the last month, the six players have had a lot of time to prepare for tournament action. The team has been playing a lot of match play against each other, and they are benefiting from it.

"Something new that we're trying this year is we're trying to get them to compete at the level in practices as they do in matches," Steinberg said. "Maybe (it will) trigger the nerves or shakiness that they will experience during matches that we don't always get in practice."

For each tournament, Steinberg is giving her players individual goals and she has felt that her team has responding positively to her expectations.

"One thing I love about our coaching is that they are really personalizing things for us," St. Hill said. "For example, we have individual goals we are working on all the time and I think that is really important even though we are playing a team sport right now. Tennis is still an individual

sport so what they do really well is specifying on the individual person and the team person."

At this point of the season, Steinberg is not concerned with wins and losses, but wants her players to implement what they have been working on in practice on to the court.

"Her biggest goal is for us to work hard," St. Hill said. "She wants us to be the hardest working team here at K-State. So I think she wants us to have a good attitude and work hard every day to show her that when we get on the court that will do everything to win. I think that's what she expects from us. When it comes to win or lose, it's still offseason so we're still working on things."

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Junior **Amina St. Hill** keeps her eye on the ball during a match against Wichita State on March 8, 2013 at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center.



## Men's golf finishes fall season on positive note, individual successes

By AUSTIN EARL  
THE COLLEGIAN

In head coach Grant Robbins' first fall at K-State, his team showed steady improvement and hope. They also found individual success in the first half of the year.

"Overall, fall was a really good chance for us to see our guys in competition, being the new coach here," Robbins said. "We don't have much depth this year so we kind of struggled to get four scores on the board, but you definitely see the potential of this team."

The highlight of the fall season for the Wildcats was on Sept. 29 when sophomore Matt Green won the Jack Nicklaus Invitational.

Green opened the tournament with a 67 and never lost the lead. He held on with a 73 and 70 in the final two rounds. It was the first individual victory for K-State since 2012.

"It just shows what he's

capable of," Robbins said. "He hasn't won before, so seeing him be able to come through that final round and play such a solid round and get that win the way that he did just shows what he's capable of. He's very, very talented and things like that just give him confidence."

K-State had even more success this season as individuals. At the Firestone Invitational, sophomore Seth Smith finished tied for third. His 1-under par in the tournament was the best score he posted all season.

In the Wildcats' final tournament of the fall, sophomore Connor Knabe tied for fourth place.

The problem for the Wildcats was getting four good scores on the same day. While they proved they could all move around the course efficiently, they only did it one time as a team.

"Obviously you want to have a better result when you have guys play so well," Robbins said. "Kind of knew going into it was going to be a re-



building year. We got a really, really young team. Everybody that's playing are freshmen and sophomores. They're getting really good experience. Obviously we want to continue to play better, but our focus is on the process."

K-state's finishes were steady throughout the first part of the season. They placed eighth twice and ninth once through their first three tournaments. In the last tournament of the fall, the tides changed for them.

The Wildcats saw themselves tie for second in the rain shortened event in Overland Park, Kansas. They placed three in the top 20 and had their highest team placement of the season.

One of the surprises of autumn was Coach Robbins decision to redshirt senior Kyle

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Sophomore **Seth Smith** takes a putt on the fourteenth hole of Colbert Hills golf course during practice Sept. 12.

Weldon. Last season, he had the team's best stroke average at 73.64.

"He's going to focus on his academics and will be playing for us next year," Robbins said. "We're trying to save him for next season. We'll have a little more depth around him and have a recruiting class that will come in and be able to compete with him. Kyle is definitely our best player."

K-State's spring season will begin Feb. 22 they travel to Palm Desert, California for the Desert Intercollegiate. The spring slate features seven tournaments all around the country, from Oregon to North Carolina.

"Our focus is not on results right now, we're just trying to improve," Robbins said. "Everybody just needs to get better individually. If everybody gets better individually in the offseason, then collectively as a group we'll do better. It's just going to be up to them to make a commitment to do the things they need to do."

## PERSPECTIVE | Solving issues requires student, professor effort

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only Chinese student in her already nerve-wracking public speaking class makes her feel more nervous.

"I think it's fine because everyone has their choice, and sometimes it makes people feel more comfortable being around people that look like them," Jin said.

Khanyisile Hlonyana, freshmen in theater, came to K-State from South Africa and is the only minority student in her public speaking class as well.

"Most of my classes have no more than three Black students, but I do have one class where I'm the only one and sometimes it does make you feel a little uncomfortable," Hlonyana said.

It's difficult when you look around and don't see anyone that looks like yourself. It can be in-

timidating and very uncomfortable. This initial realization can cause some students to shy away from participating, but it could also have an adverse effect and encourage them to break out of their shell and get involved.

Overcoming these issues involves a group effort from both the students and the professors. If more students branch out and talk to people of other ethnicities outside of just group work, it would make for a more comfortable transition into a new class and, in some cases, a new country.

To help, professors can include numerous group projects where students are grouped by random selection. This will encourage their students to interact with people from different backgrounds, making for a more welcoming and diverse environment.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Congressional candidate shows support for women's issues

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ing and the increase in demand for the domestic violence services, as many as 416,500 fewer victims may be unable to receive services if current trends continue.

Jim Sherow (D), U.S. Congressional candidate of the 1st district, attended the

forum to show his support of domestic violence programs. One of his reasons for running for the House of Representatives seat is the current representative Tim Huelskamp's lack of support for women's issues.

"(Huelskamp) voted against (domestic violence funding), and that's the person I'm running against,"

Sherow said. "That's just one of the many reasons why I'm running against him. His support of this kind of women's issues is zero, so you can look at his record and you'll find that to be the case."

Sherow has previously served Manhattan in the roles of city commissioner and mayor.

"While I was on city commission, I opposed cuts to the crisis center and to the emergency shelter," Sherow said. "I worked very hard to try to keep those funded fully, understanding the problems. I worked in Aggieville to try to get a handle on date rape, which is also a serious problem. So I worked on all those issues."

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# Hockey team seeks national appearance

By RYAN PORTER  
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After going 2-1 in last week's tournament in St. Louis, the K-State in-line hockey team looks to continue their streak of making nationals.

As Jerry Remsbecker enters his 15th season as head coach of the team, he sees a lot of "promise" in his 2014-15 squad. The team is relatively young this year and is still learning, however, Remsbecker has confidence in the group.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, the in-line hockey team plays in a rink with flooring. It is set up with 10 people skating at once, five from each team including a goalie. Although this is a non-contact sport, there is some necessary equipment to compete. Skates, shin guards, a protective girdle, helmet, elbow pads and gloves are all required equipment to compete. The average set up before a game is a center, with either a wingman on the left or right side, along with two defenseman protecting the goalie.

To gain possession of the puck both teams have a face-off. The referee drops the puck in the middle of both the centers and once it hits the ground, the centers try to knock the puck to one of their teammates

to gain possession of the puck. With the intensity of the sport, peak physical conditioning is key.

"We start off doing two hard laps to warm us up, followed by a cloverleaf drill, a

**"Being with all my teammates and being able to play with them. Getting an assist and seeing someone score is very rewarding"**

Christian Ford,  
Senior Forward

couple passing drills, warm up the goalies and then a three-man weave to get our passing down," sophomore defenseman Zachary Clonts said. "(There are) a couple more drills, it always switches and varies. Then we close with a scrimmage at the end, which is always helpful."

Due to a long, grueling season that lasts almost all school year, routine and practice is key. The season begins in early to mid-October and is not finished until April. It consists of seven preseason games, 18 regular season games and nationals if the team qualifies.

The team competes in the



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Dylan Hugunin, junior in construction science and management (left), and Christian Ford, senior in Mechanical Engineering, prepare to fight for the puck after their coach, Jerry Remsbecker, drops it during practice on Wednesday at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex.

Great Plains Region against teams all over the country including Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee.

The in-line hockey team carries an inseparable bond and look forward to putting in work at practice day in and day out. They strive to get their chance again to compete for a national championship.

"Being with all my teammates and being able to play with them and getting an assist and seeing someone score is very rewarding," senior forward Christian Ford said about being on the team.

Remsbecker said he appreciates the hard work, dedication and sportsmanship that all these guys put forward and he also appreciates how the team represents K-State in a positive matter whenever they are on

the road.

Junior defenseman Taylor Hardy, a life-long hockey player, encourages everyone to come out and play because for a couple hours there is nothing on your mind except just playing hockey.

This year, veteran and senior forward Austin Robisch is looking to continue his leadership role as a playmaker by scoring goals. However, he is trying to improve his assist column in the stat book in an effort to improve his teammates growth as a player and see his teammates succeed.

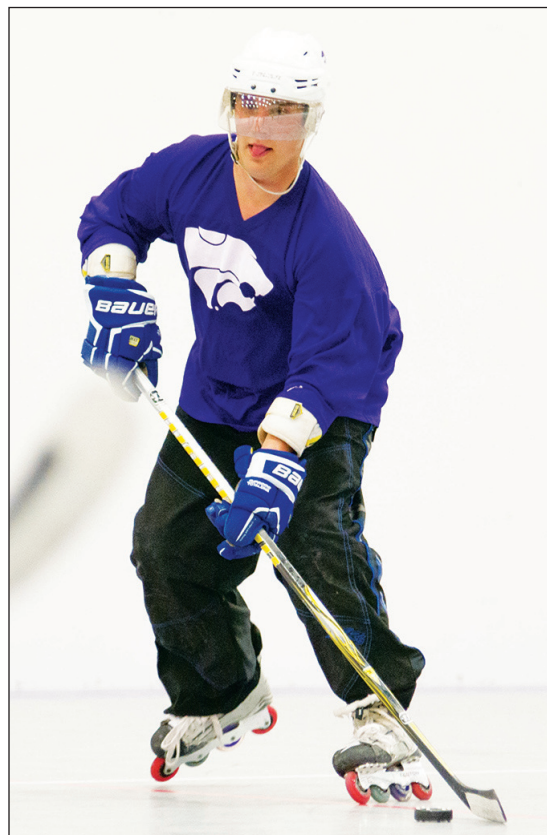
"It is all about just having fun," Clonts said. "It's fun to be out here with all of my teammates and that is the best part, the camaraderie on the team."

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Dan Reinkemeyer, junior in kinesiology, receives a pass during practice on Wednesday at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex.

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Austin Robisch, senior in management and information systems, carries the puck during practice on Wednesday at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex.



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### What are the facts?

Israel, backed by the U.S., has made bold, ground-breaking land-for-peace offers to the Palestinians: In 2000 and in 2007 Israel offered about 95% of the land captured by Israel in 1967 and a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem. In 2005, Israel also unilaterally withdrew from Gaza, leaving it under Palestinian control.

Despite these Israeli overtures, so-called "moderate" Palestinians have rejected all offers and walked out of subsequent peace negotiations.

Of course, the Palestinian terror group, Hamas flatly rejects even the idea of peace with Israel. Though Hamas won a majority in Palestinian parliamentary elections in 2005, it violently conquered Gaza in 2007 and has since ruled the territory with an Islamist iron fist. Hamas jihadis have fired more than 14,000 rockets at Israeli civilians and started outright wars in 2008, 2012 and 2014. Hamas's charter implacably commits the group to "obliterate" the state of Israel, "fight Jews and kill them" and "raise the banner of Allah" over every inch of Muslim lands. Hamas's charter also specifically rejects "so-called peaceful solutions."

Today, the situation in the Middle East has deteriorated dramatically, with the burgeoning strength and brutality of Islamist terrorists from Hamas, ISIS, al Qaeda and Hizbollah. But the greatest obstacle to peace between Israel and the Palestinians is the continued belligerence of Hamas. Israel soundly defeated Hamas in the latest Gaza war, eliminating dozens of the group's terror tunnels, hundreds of its fighters and thousands of its rockets. Ironically, Hamas is viewed by the Palestinian people as heroic, and its support has soared to 87%, according to recent polls. Polls also indicate that Ismail Haniya, the Islamist group's former prime minister, would handily defeat all opponents, including 79-year-old Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, were elections to be held. What's more, Hamas brags that even after its devastating loss during the most recent war with Israel, it is already producing more rockets for future attacks on Israel.

*New U.S. military actions against ISIS will be helpful in degrading that terror group's murderous capability. But the U.S. and Israel, as well as European and moderate Arab nations, must also support efforts of West Bank Palestinians to gain political integrity, develop economically and defeat Hamas. In any case, with the region's unprecedented instability and Hamas's ascendancy, this is not the time to press for a potentially disastrous Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement.*

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There is also no question that Abbas—now serving the tenth year of a four-year term as president—is losing power over the corrupt Palestinian Authority. Under an agreement Abbas struck with Hamas in April 2014 to form a unity government, general elections are to be held in October 2014. While it's doubtful these elections will be held, it's highly likely

that Hamas, if unchecked, will again resort to violence to take control of the West Bank. Indeed most analysts agree that the only thing preventing Hamas's takeover of the West Bank is the security assistance Israel provides to the Palestinian Authority.

**No nation on earth is more threatened by the Islamist jihad than Israel,** which is now almost completely encircled by terrorists—ISIS and al Qaeda on Israel's Syria border, Hizbollah on its Lebanon border, and Hamas on its border with Gaza. Now Hamas threatens to seize the Palestinian West Bank, which would complete Israel's encirclement, as well as create a nightmare for Jordan and Egypt.

While recent U.S. and Israeli efforts to fashion a peace agreement with "moderate" Palestinian factions have been well intentioned, it's clear that Mahmoud Abbas has neither the authority nor a sincere wish to make a deal. Above all, Abbas refuses to acknowledge the right of Jews to have a state in Israel. Clearly, with Hamas on the threshold of taking control of the West Bank, any attempts to forge a peace with Abbas seem futile and frightening—for Israel, the U.S. and most Middle East nations. We know that Hamas can wreak havoc on Israel from Gaza even with relatively primitive missiles, but we can only imagine with horror the damage Hamas could cause if it were in control of territory on the edge of Israel's entire eastern flank, just yards from the holy city of Jerusalem, Israel's capital, and a few miles from Ben Gurion International Airport.

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